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WILLIAM C. McMILLAN. Six miles north of the village of Fruitland, Duchesne County, is situated the well improved ranch on which this pioneer citizen of the county maintains his home and gives major attention to the sheep industry. He was born at Heber (then known as Heber City), Wasatch County, Utah, August 26, 1881, and is a son of William and Ann (Coleman) McMillan, both natives of England, where the former was born in Liverpool and the latter in London, their marriage having been solemnized in Utah. William McMillan was reared and educated in England, was there converted to the faith of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and he came to Utah in advance of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McMillan, who here were faithful members of the Church of Latter Day Saints and who here remained until their death. He arrived in Utah some time before his future wife came with her parents, in 1864, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman, here passed the remainder of their lives.

William McMillan was a pioneer blacksmith in Wasatch County, and before leaving London he had learned the printer's trade and as a compositor had there worked in the office of a paper published by the Church of Latter Day Saints. He later was similarly employed on a church paper in Utah, and he was still a resident of Wasatch County at the time of his death.

William C. McMillan is indebted to the schools of his native town for his youthful education and in Wasatch County he likewise gained his initial experience in the live stock industry. As a pioneer he came into the country north of Fruitland in the year 1912, and here he assisted in the construction of early irrigation ditches. He took up a homestead, but later resigned his claim to this property and bought land that is a part of his present well improved ranch. He has been closely identified with the civic and industrial development of Duchesne County, which had been a part of an Indian reservation prior to its opening for settlement, and he is now one of the successful sheep growers of this section

of the state. He is a member of the advisory board of the Stockmen's Association of the county and gives his support to measures and enterprises that tend to advance the general welfare of his home county.

In 1928 Mr. McMillan was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Shields, and their one child is a daughter, Annie.

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